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Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senate
462 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Simon:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of John and Helen Sojak of Oak Brook, Illinois. Your constituents complain that TCI Cable refuses to extend service to certain outskirts of the Morris, Illinois area. They allege that satellite video services are unable to provide comparable programming because of the cable industry's anticompetitive practices.

The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 reserves to state and local franchising officials the right to select their cable television system providers, and to establish requirements for construction schedules, facilities and equipment. The Commission has no role in selecting local cable providers or stipulating areas to receive cable service. Consequently, your constituents should discuss their concerns with their local franchising officials.

The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 seeks to enhance competition in the development, acquisition and delivery of video programming (see excerpts from the 1992 Cable Act, enclosed). I have enclosed for your constituent's information a publication discussing a pending Commission proceeding concerning this matter. Your constituents' letter will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of their concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosures are informative.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Stewart

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Chief, Mass Media Bureau

Enclosures

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John Sojak	adequacy of cable service

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REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Tricia Haneghan.

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PAUL SIMON
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 9, 1993

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Federal Communications Commission
Kathie Kneff
2025 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Kneff:

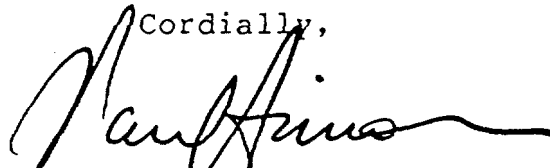
I am writing on behalf of John Sojak who has written expressing concern over the availability of cable in their area. For a more detailed explanation, please see the enclosed letter.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and responding to Mr. Sojak. In addition, please be sure to send a copy of your response to the attention of my staff assistant, Tricia Haneghan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help resolve this situation.

My best wishes.

Cordially,



Paul Simon
U. S. Senator

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Enclosure

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ADDENDUM TO MAILGRAM SENT 1-13-93 FROM JOHN P SOJACK 23 YORKSHIRE
WOODS OAK BROOK IL 60521.

I NEGLECTED TO FORWARD THIS PERTINENT INFORMATION. OUR SONS HOME AND
THE OTHERS I REFERRED TO ARE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MORRIS ILLINOIS
CONSISTING OF GOOSE, BEAVER, LINCOLN AND DEER LAKE. TCI PROVIDES
CABLE FOR THE MORRIS AREA. WHEN OUR SON CALLS TCI 1800CABLEME THE
RESPONSE FROM TCI IS - IT IS NOT ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE TO PROVIDE
CABLE FOR THAT AREA. GOOSE LAKE DOES HAVE CABLE. LOTS ARE HALF ACRE
OR LESS. I CAN UNDERSTAND TCI NOT INSTALLING CABLE LINES IN OUR SONS
AREA. WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IF THE CONSUMER IS WILLING TO PUT IN
AND MAINTAIN THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT (A SATELLITE DISH) WHAT RIGHT DOES
TCI AND THE INDUSTRY HAVE TO SCRAMBLE THEIR DISH AND NOT ALLOW THEM
TO RECEIVE THE SAME TYPE OF SERVICE THEY PROVIDE FOR THEIR CABLE
SUBSCRIBERS AT A REASONABLE FEE. TCI CABLE SUBSCRIBERS PAY \$60.00.
HOOKUP FEE APPROXIMATELY \$20.00 A MONTH FOR 30 CHANNELS. DISH OWNERS
(WHERE THERE ARE NO CABLE LINES AND NEVER WILL BE) PAY \$150.00 FOR
SMALL DISH \$29.95 A MONTH FOR PRIME TIME 7 CHANNELS ALL EQUIVALENT TO
WGN CHICAGO. NO CNN, DISCOVERY, ETC. TO RECEIVE WHAT TCI SUBSCRIBERS
GET FOR \$20.00 A MONTH IT WOULD COST DISH OWNERS (BY SUBSCRIPTION)
\$300.00 A MONTH. IT SHOULD BE MANDATORY THAT THE CABLE INDUSTRY IF
THEY SERVICE A GIVEN AREA, ALSO SERVICE THE AREA THAT IS
UNPROFITTABLE FOR THEM TO INSTALL CABLE LINES AT A REASONABLE FEE IF
THE CONSUMER IS WILLING TO BUY AND MAINTAIN HIS OWN EQUIPMENT NOT
SCRAMBLE IT FOR THE INDUSTRY DOES HAVE A MONOPOLY. LOOKING FORWARD TO
YOUR RESPONSE.

JOHN AND HELEN SOJACK
23 YORKSHIRE WOODS
OAK BROOK IL 60521

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W. J. SOJACK (1/15/93)